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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 May 2006.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 7-9 and 13-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) 16 is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 7-9 and 13-15 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
 Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____ .
 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
 6) Other: ____.

The indicated allowability of claims 7-9 and 13-15 is withdrawn in view of the newly discovered reference(s) to Blotteaux and Cabales. Rejections based on the newly cited reference(s) follow.

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 7-9 and 13-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conroy in view of Blotteaux. Conroy discloses the claimed device with the exception of the elastomer layer as claimed. However, as disclosed by Blotteaux, (paragraph 12) it is known in the art to provide an elastomer layer as claimed. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have provided Conroy's shaft with such an elastomer layer as well between his uni-directional fiber layers to achieve the advantages sought by Blotteaux.

Claims 8, 9 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Conroy in view of Cabales et al. (Cabales). Conroy discloses the claimed device with the exception of the elastomer layer as claimed. However, as disclosed by Cabales (Col. 5, lines 34-38 and Col. 7. first full paragraph) it is known in the art to provide an elastomer layer as claimed. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to have provided Conroy's shaft with such an elastomer layer as well between his uni-directional fiber layers to achieve the advantages sought by Cabales.

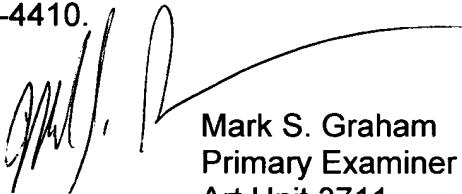
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Claim 16 is allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Mark S.

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